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EXAMINING GROUP 2671**

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
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Volodymyr V. KINDRATENKO et al.)	Group Art Unit: 2671
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Application No.: 09/997,030)	Examiner: Whelpley, Michael V.
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Filed: November 30, 2001)	
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For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR)	Confirmation No.: 6132
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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

In reply to the final Office Action mailed May 20, 2004, with a period for response extending through August 20, 2004, and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, Applicants request consideration and entry of the following:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper beginning on page 2.

Remarks follow the amendment section of this paper beginning on page 11.

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